

Readers' Column

Letters To
The Editor

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Editor, Times-Leader News:

I, too, am tired of the untruths, half-truths and totally misleading statements issuing from our nation's capitol and the various agencies and departments there. God knows what we Americans need is the truth.

I believe Richard Nixon's statement in his book, "Six Crises," that John Kennedy had been appraised of the Cuban situation and our State Department's plan of action, and he used this knowledge wrongfully in public discussion.

I believe the information possibly was transmitted to Mr. Kennedy, not by Mr. Dulles, but by someone in CIA or in the State Department. I think Mr. Kennedy was briefed fully by someone on our balance of payment situation, which he referred to in his campaign. I think he was told by his mentor to change his statement about Quemoy and Matsu and he certainly did for he reversed himself completely. You will recall he said they were outside our perimeter of defense and he would not defend them but when pinned down by Mr. Nixon he retreated from that position the next time it was mentioned.

Equivocation is not outright lying, but it is twisting around the truth by every means. I condemn it as being untruthful and unethical.

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